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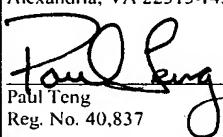
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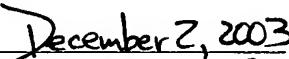
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It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The enclosed items were cited in an official Communication and European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 02 00 4423 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the Communication and European Search Report is enclosed.

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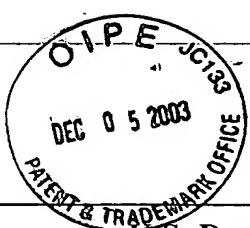
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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